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### THE SECRECY QUESTION

Those people who were involved in UFO research in the 1950's may recall that the subject was not overly complex.

To all intents and purposes the 'flying saucers' were inter-planetary craft and it was only a matter of time before contact would be made with another civilisation. Sighting reports were submitted to the police or the air force and the appropriate authority was expected to efficiently investigate the matter to ensure that the nation's skies had not been invaded.

However, as the years passed by, other theories were offered to explain the nature and origin of the UFO's and it became apparent that the police and the air force had never been properly equipped to investigate the subject in its entirety. The United States Air Force research projects, always undermanned, were closed down.

In 1966 the U.S. government appointed Professor Edward Condon to undertake a scientific study of the UFO phenomena with a group of scientists at the University of Colorado. The budget was modest but this did not concern the media, which was mesmerised by such a seemingly top level investigation.

The conclusion reached by the Condon Committee, that UFO's did not warrant further research because most sightings could be explained, was given wide media coverage and this should have effectively 'killed' the subject. UFO researchers around the world naturally challenged Condon's findings but were surprised when some of the most strident criticism of Condon came from members of the scientific community.

Something about the official investigation did not ring true and those researchers who had suspected a government cover up for some years were satisfied that the Condon Committee's project was merely a part of a massive smoke screen designed to keep 'the truth' from the public. The thinking was that a much bigger research programme by the



Defence Department or the National Security Agency could be operated secretly and the findings could be suppressed if they were likely to disturb the status quo.

A few researchers and authors, with an enthusiasm bordering on paranoia, pointed out that government agents had been confiscating photographs and films over the years and two American Senators, who had talked openly of UFO's, had gone very quiet on the subject when they became President. Furthermore, the admittedly strange deaths of several American UFO researchers were taken to be connected with the dangerous conspiracy.

Recent disclosures under the Freedom of Information Act have indeed shown that the National Security Agency's well known subsidiary, the Central Intelligence Agency, has been sitting on some very interesting reports of UFO's over military installations.

It now seems that it may be only a matter of time before 'the truth' is revealed. But, of course, the truth is often stranger than fiction.

Let us suppose, just suppose, that the C.I.A., with the assistance of carefully selected personnel in various government departments and police agencies, began a thorough study of the phenomenon in 1959. They acquired certain files from the U.S.A.F. and material submitted by other countries to the Defence Department. It would be fair to say that the material which they have amassed includes photographs and films - a fair percentage contributed by military personnel - which would thrill UFO researchers and amaze non-believers.

After years of extensive research the C.I.A. knows that UFO's, as an unnatural phenomena, do exist. However, they have no idea where they originate or, perhaps more important, their reason for being here.

When a federal government is battling a series of lobbies seeking more funds for this and for that, it would hardly be expedient for a President to reveal that millions of dollars have been spent to establish what civilian researchers have known all along - that UFO's do exist. It would also be political suicide for him to announce that they exist and then admit that their origin and purpose is unknown.

The huge, expensive cover up - cum-conspiracy may not conceal just an explosive revelation but also embarrassment and frustration.

The above may be supposition but it is also food for thought. The moral? Don't be too hard on your local C.I.A. representative - he's got his problems too.

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SOCIETY news.

GENERAL MEETING.

Since this is the first Bulletin for 1981, we take the opportunity of wishing all our members the best for this year and welcome all new members, with the hope that we will have the opportunity of meeting them at our General Meeting or the Discussion Nights we hold at the following address:-

The supper room of the Royal Society, 9 Victoria Street, Melbourne.

The Date - 26th March about 8 p.m.



## UFO's AND EARTHQUAKES : ARE THEY RELATED?

by Ahmad Jamaludin.

(An interested researcher in Malaysia, who was attracted by our article in the Bulletin by Roy Russell (UFO Research, Q/land) on earthquakes).

### ABSTRACT

Many UFO researchers have long suspected the possible relationship between UFO's and earthquakes. While few papers have been written to demonstrate this relationship the author presents this correlation with the hope of renewing interest among ufologists and seismologists alike.

The time, space and other observed features shared by the UFO phenomenon and seismic events are presented. Careful study of these correlations is hoped for with the aim of finding some yet undetected trigger force(s) which may account for the interaction of both phenomena.

### INTRODUCTION

The appearances of UFOs before or after earthquakes has been recorded in many instances. During the strong English tremors of Feb. 11th, 1957, tad-pole shaped unidentified flying objects had been sighted in the sky (1). Numerous other examples are on record to demonstrate this point. But the most important statistical analysis for the association of UFOs and areas of seismic risk was the fact that 85 percent of some 60,000 UFO events were sighted near geological fault lines (2).

While it cannot be overlooked that some of these anomalous aerial phenomena is associated to the piezoelectric effect on quartz bearing rocks, the truly 'unidentified' sightings investigated and evaluated by competent researchers cannot be explained in such simple terms.

We decide to look again at the coincidences of UFO appearances during earthquakes and present here the correlations for both phenomena which may throw some light on their possible relationship if there were any.

### CORRELATIONS

1. TIME: The time factor in ufology is well known. Its peak lies between 2100 hr and midnight. The minimum number of reports is usually at noon. Shimshoni (Geophys. J., 97; 1971) has produced evidence which seemed to show that seismic events are significantly higher at night with a peak around midnight and a minimum around noon. This is from a statistical analysis of 15,325 seismic events for the period 1968 to 1970. If seismic events occur randomly with local time throughout the 24 hr period over the 3 yrs the number of events within each hour should be 638.5. However for the randomness hypothesis the value turned out to be 80.1137 which is high enough to conclude that seismic events do not occur randomly throughout the 24 hr period. These observations therefore agree well with the UFO sighting reports.

2. SPACE: Even before the statistical analysis by Persinger and Lafreniere the manifestation of the UFO phenomenon mainly along or near fault lines is very well known. The results therefore provide indisputable proof that the phenomenon occurs mainly near the geological fault lines. Earthquakes on the other hand are also active along fault lines. We observed therefore that UFOs and seismic events shared the same space i.e. areas of gravity and magnetic anomalies associated to such locales.



3. GEOMAGNETIC DISTURBANCES: Analysis of geomagnetic disturbances of the Earth's magnetic field by Poher and Vallee (3) and Poher (4) for a period in October 1954 during the French UFO wave shows remarkable correlations between the magnetic disturbances and the manifestation of the UFO phenomenon near the recording station. Before an impending earthquake an increase of magnetic disturbances of the Earth's magnetic field has been recorded by Moore (5) and such abrupt disturbances in advance of earthquakes was also observed by Breiner (6). Therefore not only earthquakes but also the controversial reality of UFOs are able to excite disturbances in the Earth's magnetic field.

4. ANOMALOUS ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR: Anomalous animal behaviour during or after the manifestations of the UFO phenomenon are well documented. In some instances the UFO percipients are drawn to the phenomenon by the abnormal behaviour exhibited by their animals. The successful prediction of the 1975 Haicheng earthquake in China is in part attributed to the monitoring of abnormal animal behaviour. Besides probably to some paranormal events animals exhibited their anomalous behaviour only during an impending earthquake and the presence of the UFO manifestation.

5. MODE OF INTERACTION: The manifestations of the UFO phenomenon is generally sporadic but periodically the reports appeared in bunches known as a wave. The interaction is therefore usually isolated events but sometimes they become numerous. This same type of interaction is observable in seismic events where earthquakes are usually isolated events with few aftershocks but at times numerous either as an earthquake swarms or following a major shock with numerous aftershocks.

6. COUNTS FOR LARGE INTERACTIONS: The counts made for the major UFO waves occurring globally between the period 1945 Foo-Fighters to the 1977 English waves yielded a figure of close to two dozen waves. From the NOAA Worldwide Earthquake Statistics (7) a total of not less than 25 large earthquakes of magnitude 8.0 or greater was recorded for the same period. Therefore the number of large interaction counts are in close agreement for both phenomena.

7. STOPPING OF WATCHES: The stopping of watches during seismic events and the manifestation of the UFO phenomenon are well known.

8. WATER: Worldwide reports have shown that UFOs have an affinity for bodies of water. As we still do not understand why, we do understand the role of water in seismic events.

9. LUMINOSITY: Some UFO percipients woke up in the middle of the night thinking their lights were on or the neighbour's house was on fire due to the presence of the UFO. Just before the first tremor of the destructive 1976 Tangshan earthquake the sky lit up over the city like daylight waking thousands who thought their room lights had been turned on. The lights, mainly white and red, were seen up to 200 miles away. The UFOs too can cause such luminosity but perhaps on a smaller scale. The EM interactions for such luminosity is suspected to be on the same principle for both phenomena.

10. SCORCHED MARKS: Philips has compiled a catalog (8) of the numerous evidences of scorched marks or landing imprints at alleged UFO landing sites. During the Tangshan earthquake one large corn field was knocked over in the same direction as though by some giant wind, leaves on many nearby trees were burnt to a crisp and growing vegetables were scorched as if by a fireball.



11. BOTH PHENOMENA ARE INCREASING IN NUMBERS: Worldwide UFO sightings are increasing each day. This can be seen from the increase of the landing trace cases from 1964 onwards from 32.8 cases per year for 1960-1970 to 60.2 cases per year from 1970-1975 (9). The overall UFO sighting figures are alarmingly much higher. Burbank (10) has shown the dramatic increase in the number of known earthquakes from A.D. 1 to 1976. The phenomenal increase is notable in the past 176 years particularly in the past 26 years.

### DISCUSSION

The correlations presented above, taken at face value, do not mean a thing since earthquakes and UFOs were both entirely different phenomena. But if we viewed with the objective of finding a trigger force(s) which may have excited both phenomena then the correlations appear to be real rather than coincidental.

The important time, space and other observable features shared by both phenomena should renew interest among physical scientists especially seismologists in detecting the yet undiscovered trigger force(s) if there is any, and perhaps bring earthquake predictions to a better score.

The alarming increase of earthquakes coincide in time with other observable physical changes on Earth and the Solar System notably the increase in sunspot counts showing tremendous jumps in the total over the past years, climatic changes and the possibility of another magnetic field reversal of the Earth. The increase of UFO sightings therefore seem natural in following the present trend of changes. If there is such a thing as trigger force(s) then the increase in UFO sightings and the nature of the UFO waves seem to suggest the source of the trigger force(s) is reaching old age and exhibiting signs similar to the radio emissions of pulsars suffering from glitches or 'hic ups'.

Proper and careful study of the correlations presented should throw some light on the expected type of trigger forces and possibly identifying the actual source of the forces.

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LIBRARY

by JOHN AUCHETTL

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Good news for the library. Our book total has now reached 201 DIFFERENT TITLED BOOKS. This increase is due to three members' donations. JANE TUMNEY of CRAIGIEBURN, VIC., BILL CLYDE of FITZROY; and JOAN CLOWES of BOX HILL; my thanks to you three on a job well done.

We hope that by the end of MARCH, we will have received the old society's books, that have been held by past librarians. With this collection we hope the library will come back to normal, and a new book list can then be made. At this stage we have a rough book list available, just come to the meetings and get one or send me a self addressed, stamped envelope and I will post one out to you.

We seem to be lacking books that are produced in the 1970 to 1980 period. We need to build up this side of the library, so can you help. Book donations are always welcome and we will place your name inside the cover for future reference. We take old or new books just send what you can to me.

My thanks to MISS. J. TUBBOCK of KOGARAH BAY, NSW, for her letter in respect to a book called "The Cosmic Conspiracy". I appreciate any chance to discuss such books by letter, and look forward to other letters from you all who have read new books, and that you feel are worthy of a review or addition to our library.

Write to me if you need any basic information or a question answered, ..at least we can try to help you.

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STRANGER THINGS TO SEE

At the anthropological museum of Moscow, a BISON SKULL that is 10,000 years old is kept for study. Yet what makes this skull so unique is that on the forehead, there exists a hole not natural to the skull, that was produced while the BISON (a wild ox) was still alive, as the evidence of bone healing had taken place. Could this be the result of a BULLET, as it had to be a projectile of considerable force to create such a perfect hole! 10,000 years before the gun was first made?

(FROM PAGE 173 "IN SEARCH OF ANCIENT GODS" BY VON DANIKEN 1973)

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BOOK REVIEW NO. 2LIB. BOOK NO. 207"THE DEVILS MERIDIAN"

by KEVIN KILLEY AND GARY LESTER.

1980 Ed. 228 Pages 14 Chapters WITH MAPS AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

Only a few people can be an authority on how accurate a book is written. One we hope would be the authors, the researchers and of course the people who experienced the event.

KILLEY AND LESTER say with strong supporting data, that Bass Strait is the Australian equivalent to the "BERMUDA TRIANGLE" and go on to describe events within this area. The accuracy of this book must be placed on the data given and the accuracy of the theory judged by you.

1858 could be said to be the start of recorded vanishings, when a 16 gun English Navel vessel vanished in the Strait, her name was the "SAPPHO". This was followed by a paddle steamer in 1862, and then in 1870 two ships disappeared, the "DUNKELED" and the "HARLECH CASTLE".

Time then passed to 1920, when a search plane sent out to investigate strange lights in the area vanished without trace, along with the ship "AMELIA J". 1934 saw the next aircraft - a four engined passenger plane near Wilsons Promontory report in that "ALL'S WELL", yet the aircraft never reached its destination and disappeared into the Strait.

An airforce bomber in 1944, reported a UFO over the Strait, that paced the aircraft for 20 minutes. Interesting to learn that the aircraft's radio and instruments failed while the object was around. Something like the Bermuda events.

Disappearances are listed for you to study and evidence is given to indicate that 1979 saw the last known trip into oblivion. The authors go into general studies of reports from Australia, Papua New Guinea and history, producing also a Map relating our BASS STRAIT area to a world hook up with other areas that produce this unusual phenomenon. For example the Japanese Devil Sea.

As they point out and in good detail, the Bass Strait disappearances are not clear cut events that can be explained in clear cut terms as, "In most cases no wreckage was found, in the few cases in which authorities did find a trace, it only added to the mystery". Such as the number of craft that have now gone, the area they went missing in and the fact that "NO S.O.S. or Mayday call was made". It seems as if one minute all was well, then gone.

On October 21st 1978, 20 year old FREDERICK VALENTICH flew into history at 7.12 pm over Bass Strait after an encounter with a UFO. His last words were, "THAT STRANGE AIRCRAFT IS HOVERING ON TOP OF ME AGAIN. IT.....IS HOVERING AND IT'S NOT AN AIRCRAFT. DELTA SIERRA JULIET. MELBOURNE". Then a metallic clicking sound was heard for 17 seconds and as we know now, the rest is a mystery, But what followed is astonishing. As there is a remarkable amount of evidence of UFO sightings in the general district of CAPE OTWAY on the days before and after the disappearance.

This book is centred around VALENTICH with at least five chapters that try to reveal what happened to him, with Department of Transport and people's explanations on his disappearance and a personal study of the man's history. An inflight communications transcript of the flight is also provided. Detailed coverage of the many reported disappearances in the Strait make good reading, and comparisons.

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UFO sightings by aircraft and ground observers around the Victorian coast and Bass Strait are numerous and well covered. The "FLYING FOOTBALL" seen at Malvern, was also seen by many others within days of the first sighting; they all seem to have described the same object seen on those days of 1955. There appeared no doubting the credibility of the witnesses, among whom were a school teacher, radio announcer, policeman and an A.B.C. official and clerk.

On the 1969 Apollo moon landing a "BLOB" of light flashed onto T.V. screens in Australia, as Armstrong and Aldrin made their giant steps. Our Honeysuckle Creek tracking station was in control then and most people believe that this was one of the many reported UFO sightings made by USA and USSR astronauts. Evidence points to a "SUGGESTION OF A COVER UP BY NASA".

Best to last, and the nine pages of Chapter 10 must be the most surprising bits of new information that I think you could ever get to read thanks to a devoted and alert mind and a set of 35 mm colour photographs, taken by ROY MANIFOLD off CAPE OTWAY at 6.43 pm on the 21st of October 1978. They must give us our only possible live view of what may have happened to VALENTICH. Photograph number four is quite remarkable, as you can see something in the sea off the coast. The "PUFF OF SMOKE", that was regarded as a fake and meaningless was examined by a computer. Authorities soon realised that this "PUFF" was more like an object in great motion and now is of great significance to the VALENTICH story.

Some chapters cover a vast field of world history and world studies not related to Australia, and therefore these chapters lack continuity, but this is a minimal problem. The book covers 122 years of unexplained events related mostly to VICTORIA and TASMANIA, and a lot of thought and effort has gone into this book. I can recommend it as having well produced evidence that not only fills the gaps on stories we have lived through, but suggests and with gravity, that there could be a "DEVIL'S MERIDIAN".

John Auchettl, Librarian.

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# NEW MOVIE "HANGAR 18" \_DEPICTS\_UFO\_RETRIEVAL\_

Sunn Classics Productions, headquartered in Salt

Lake City, has released a film - fiction - entitled "Hangar 18" surmising what would happen if the government retrieved a flying saucer. It surmises that a vast cover-up would ensue, with violent repressive action toward those in the know. A few years ago Sunn Classics was working on a factual documentary to feature reported "retrieval" cases. Why they switched to fiction, and what effect this will have on efforts to ascertain the truth, is not known. Contributing Editor Mildred Bieseke visited Sunn Classics headquarters, talked to representatives, and obtained still photographs from the movie. Chuck Sellier, president of Sunn Classics, recently described their use of computers to determine what people want to see, and people were found to be very interested in UFOs. "They believe that flying saucers exist, they believe that the government has some kind of contact with flying saucers, and they presume that if the government had, they would not tell anyone", he said. "Almost 80% of the population believes literally in those statements". Sellier also reported that the Defense Department refused to co-operate with them, and suggested "they might seek an injunction to keep us from making the picture". The company was forced to find an abandoned Air Force base as a production site; other scenes were shot in the mountains around Salt Lake City. "The MUFON UFO

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# "JET HUNT FOR UFOs - MYSTERY" ....

credit - "The Sun", Sat. 6th December 1980.

Perth - The RAAF is baffled by four mysterious unidentified flying objects seen over Perth and tracked by radar.

A Macchi jet was "scrambled" by the RAAF after the UFOs were sighted, but the pilot could not find them. The UFOs were first seen on Thursday by Mr. Graham Moyle, an air traffic controller at Perth Airport. He and other air traffic controllers made two or three visual sightings between 8 am and 11 am.

The regional director of transport, Mr. Ellis Keil, said that the "silver tumbling discs" were tracked on radar at a height of more than 8000 metres until they disappeared at more than 20,000 metres. There were no aircraft or weather balloons in the area to explain the sightings.

Danielle Russell, 12, of Jennings Way, Lockridge, saw four objects moving quickly across the sky from north to south about 11 am. She said: "When I first saw them through the lounge-room window I thought they were birds or a plane. They were changing color from red, blue and green".

However, the UFO mystery may never be solved. The RAAF, which is handling the investigation, is concerned only with establishing that there were no aircraft or obvious objects such as weather balloons in its air space.

One RAAF spokesman said that the atmospheric conditions were unusual on Thursday and this could have accounted for the sightings. He said the sudden onset of hot weather could have produced an atmospheric phenomenon.

The last sighting of a UFO was by crew members of a Darwin-bound TAA jet, which reported a shining object at around 15,000 metres. But authorities did not take the sighting seriously. That was on 8th August. But the biggest query concerns pilot Frederick Valentich who disappeared over Bass Strait in October 1978, after reporting that he was being chased by a UFO.

## PERTHQUAKE LEAVES CITY IN FEAR ...by Cathy Johnson

"The Australian" 15 Dec. '80.

Until this week, Perth residents had thought themselves fairly distant from the threat of earthquakes, but they have been rudely awakened.

Separate tremors on Monday and Wednesday have revived memories of the devastating earthquake which flattened the small wheatbelt town of Cadoux, 200 km north-east of Perth, last year and jolted a wide area of the State, and the 1968 earthquake which devastated Meckering, another wheatbelt town, and rocked Perth.

The Monday tremor, measuring 4.7 on the Richter scale, sent Cadoux residents scurrying into the streets and was felt in Perth. Two days earlier another strong tremor 150 km off the coast, in line with Fremantle, also shook the capital. The two tremors were further evidence of the volatile earthquake belt near Perth.

### Unaware

In the past two years, 446 earthquakes have shaken houses and people throughout the State and several have caused widespread damage. The tremor off the coast has opened up a new area of earthquake activity not previously recorded.

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The main belt of activity is inland from Perth, extending about 600 km from Morawa in the north to Albany in the extreme south. The area considered to be of greatest risk, designated zone 2, is extensive and stretches for 300 km from the northern town of Ballidu to Narrogin in the south.

An idea can be gained of the severity of last year's quakes, which measured 6.2 and 6.8 respectively on the Richter scale, when compared with the worst of the world's earthquakes which usually rate less than 8.5. Until these latest shaking experiences, West Australians were unaware of the State's susceptibility to quakes - evidenced by the fact that most of their houses are not earthquake resistant.

A survey carried out this year by the Public Works Department showed that most of the public buildings in the State's earthquake zones would be destroyed if hit by a tremor of similar intensity to the Meckering and Cadoux quakes. The report caused so much concern that the Government has already provided funds for hazardous features of these buildings to be removed or reduced and work is underway.

Earthquake activity in the State has been on the increase in the past 15 years and is now on a par with the seismic energy released in California, notorious for its earthquakes.

The increased activity has been associated with greater pressure being put on the continental "plate" on which Australia is centred.

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#### ON THE UFO TRAIL - By Paul Norman

The year 1959 was a most interesting one for Ufologists. At that time I was residing in Nashville, Tennessee. The push buttons on my car and house radios were tuned to stations which frequently broadcast the news. My habit then, as well as now, was to follow up on outstanding UFO reports as soon as possible.

The Mantell case was then eleven years old and contradicting "explanations" had come to my attention. One summer day I had a day off from my regular job to visit the area and talk to the foreman of a power line crew who had witnessed the disintegration of that ill-fated interceptor. I was just leaving Nashville, bound for Franklin, Kentucky, 100 miles away, when during a newscast I first heard the voice of the Rev. William Gill, telling about his famous sighting of figures on top of a disc, hovering over New Guinea. Back in those days, it was a brave man indeed who reported a light in the sky, let alone a craft with humanoids aboard.

One of the few 'Galileos' of ufology in existence at that time who had ventured onto a rostrum to talk about "flying saucers", was Professor Hermann Oberth of Germany.



Most other ufologists of the 1950's were military personnel who had either chased the mystery objects or had fled from them and the individuals who later made up the private groups because of dissatisfaction with official 'explanations'.

I recall that it was 1959 when I made my first attempt at securing scientific assistance in investigating an interesting case involving three UFOs just outside the city limits of Nashville.

The first object to appear sped south to north, horizon to horizon, in a few seconds. The second object hovered over the road just ahead of a motorist, while the third object sped to the north following along the path of the leading object. The second object, which had hovered, then dashed away along the same path.

Two radar stations, one at Sewart Air Force Base and the other the Joelton radar station located near Nashville, had blacked out for thirty seconds. This was at the same time the objects sped past the stations. The three objects passed beneath a commercial airliner circling the vicinity to land at the airport. Interceptors were scrambled to investigate but no results were forthcoming. The local public stations radioed all cars to be on the lookout for UFOs.

The details of this sighting were explained to my "prospective advisor", a professional astronomer. He went away blushing. One whole year of attending lectures at the Vanderbilt University Observatory produced only three interested contacts. Two of them had been associated with Professor Oberth while he was at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama. The third, now deceased, Dr. Carl Seyfert, was a board member of project Ozma.

Over the years, blushing scientists have faced increasing numbers of UFO questions directed at them from audiences across the world. There are some encouraging signs that more of these questions are being answered, at least in self-defence. The trickle from the scientific community to Ufology has also increased.

Recently a poll revealed that a larger percentage of astronomers had reached the head scratching stage, but not yet evolved on the Ufology evolutionary scale to stand erect and be counted. The progress from Homo Erectus to Homo Sapiens in my opinion is so sluggish the initiative lies with the UFOs, leaving the 'Homo Östriches' with their heads poked under the Menzelian, Condonion, and Klassic sand heaps all along the UFO Trail.



U.F.O. SIGHTING REPORTFROM ANCONA, ITALY...on MONDAY, 24TH NOV. 1980.

(from local Melbourne newspaper "Il Globo", translated by Guido Valentich).

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There are people who swear that they saw an unidentified flying object in "Camerte", Osimo, Castelfidardo and Ancona, Italy.

In the entire region of Marchygiana and in the arch of Mt. Appennini there have been sightings of spheres or discs. At Tolentino they said the objects were metallic, also at Osimo and Castelfidardo in the Ancona province there has been sightings of a mysterious flying object. In fact, numerous telephone calls reached the police station to report the objects.

In the region of Camerte there were people who saw a 'flying saucer' land and which left burn marks. However, this sighting and the burn marks had not yet been tested to prove whether they were true or false, or just a hoax.

At any rate, the trajectory of the object has been seen and witnessed by various people.;; At Padova (city) the UFO would have been detected by radar. The presence of this object became noticeable by the luminosity and at close range the apparent shape of a sphere with a cone; this particular detail has been described by a couple of young lovers. Mr. Mario Ciasca of Ancona who claims to have seen the object from a distance of 30 to 40 m. flying low altitude with a slow speed and after one minute disappeared completely from sight.

Police officers from 3 different stations experienced a sighting of an object..at Tolentino, Osimo and Matelica, the report said. The object emitted bright lights changing to blue, yellow and red intermitently.

NOTE...the coincidence of this series of sightings occurred two to four days before the earthquake in southern Italy on the 23rd Nov. 1980. The reported sightings were 500-800 km from the earthquake area.

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WE ASK FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION IN THIS MATTER.

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## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON

"TALBINGO" SAUCERS.

by Mark Sawyers.

The following letter was sent to us in December, 1980, (name and address withheld), and is being published in the hope that someone, somewhere, may be able to shed some light on this particular sighting.

"Dear Sir,

This letter has taken me 9 years to write as until now I have been disinclined to make an idiot of myself. As the years go by however, my curiosity has overcome my timidity and who cares if I am an idiot.

In late 1971 whilst in the employ of the Snowy Mountains Authority as a drafting officer in the Geology Section, Scientific Services Department, I was given the job of preparing the geology archives pending the closure of the Authority. This job required the sorting of all plans, photographs and photo-grametric records and cataloguing same.

Needless to say this work uncovered many plans and pictures thought to be lost, amongst them 2 photos labeled simply "TALBINGO", (no date, no signature and no negatives). These were black and white pictures approximately 6" x 4" showing, from above, by photogrammetry the scene of the excavation for Talbingo Dam; between the plane and the ground were 5 (or was it 3 - my memory tricks me here) objects in the air flying in wild-geese formation. The other picture must have been taken by a hand held camera of the scene level with the plane. Here they were flying lower and the objects were between the plane and the hills to the north of Talbingo. The objects resembled fried eggs, having a solid 'yoke' and a slightly transparent 'white', as the dam site could be seen through this section.

Having a rather large mouth I called everyone in the drawing office to view my find. Older members of the drafting team said that they were what was known at the time (about 1965) as the "Talbingo flying saucers". As there were no negatives we made arrangements with one of our photo-techs to make copies for all of us before I added them to the catalogue.

The next morning our senior geologist appeared at my board accompanied with two well dressed gentlemen. No introductions were made but the photos were removed from my charge after an altercation that I may have hidden the negatives. None of us have seen these pictures since.

My question to you is "What were the objects in those photos". Perhaps you have seen others like them and you may be able to give a scientific explanation as to them being a natural phenomena - or do any of your colleagues in NSW or the ACT remember this sighting?

I realise that it costs money to support your group, so should there be a charge for any information you may have, please make it fit my under-salaried pocket.

Yours faithfully,

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13/12/'80

V.U.F.O.R.S. would appreciate any information that anyone may have regarding the "Talbingo" saucers.



The article  
below is  
credit the  
"Geelong  
Advertiser"  
30 Jan. '81.

## Close encounter

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Moe. — A "War of  
the Worlds" style  
radio broadcast on  
country station  
yesterday sent hun-  
dreds of people  
packing to a park  
the hope of see-  
ing invaders from  
space.

But it proved to be  
a close encounter of  
the false kind.

In the best traditions  
of Orson Welles' fam-  
ous broadcast in the  
United States in the  
late 1930s, radio station  
2GO at Warragul inter-  
rupted breakfast pro-  
grammes with grave-  
sounding newscasts  
about an alien craft in  
a paddock at Moe, 130  
km east of Melbourne.

Local police — who  
were in on the hoax —  
cordoned off the area,  
controlled the crowds  
packing to the landing  
site, and sent urgent  
radio messages back to  
headquarters request-  
ing assistance to deal  
with the traffic and the  
extra-terrestrial men-  
ace.

After two hours of  
tension sounds were  
heard inside the three-  
metre high silver craft.

Before disbelieving  
eyes, the top of the  
metallic craft slowly  
opened and up popped  
"Martian" in a pull-  
over and a sign adver-  
tising a science fiction  
movie at the local  
drive-in.

The man who plan-  
ned the hoax, 3UL pro-  
ductions manager, Mr.  
Alistair Doherty, said:  
"I reported the craft  
had landed in the pad-  
dock."

"We crossed to the  
station five times be-  
tween 6 am and 8.30  
am."

"I didn't say the craft  
contained space invad-  
ers — I let people's  
imagination work for  
themselves."

"Quite a few cot-  
toned on, but quite a  
few were taken in."

He said the craft,  
made of fibreglass, was  
donated for the stunt  
by a local firm.

Senior Sergeant Bill  
Griffiths of Moe police  
said: "The broadcasts  
were so realistic that I  
had my superior officer  
jumping down the  
phone to find out how  
we were handling the  
situation." — AAP.

## Close Encounters of the Prankster Kind

From time to time the amateur hoaxers  
and pranksters enter the UFO field.

Although the percentage is 5% or less and  
can be easily detected, it is unfortunately  
the unexperienced who usually fall victim  
of these trappings; while 40% fall for the  
tactics of the greatest hoaxers in the  
field, the official debunkers.

An example of this occurred on 29th Jan.  
when commercial interests with the assist-  
ance of officials, pulled off their latest  
stunt. While a few of the locals thought  
that an alien space craft had actually  
landed, most residents of Moe, Victoria,  
quickly caught on to the prank.

VUFORS committee members received three  
enquiries by phone but immediately  
recognized the pattern of a prank and  
passed the "news flash" off as a fund  
raising publicity stunt for the Apex Club,  
when actually it was to advertise a science  
fiction movie.

The main lesson to be gained by these  
experiences is that the officials will  
co-operate with the pranksters, which in  
this case, was to gain a fast buck, but  
often refuse to do so when a serious case  
occurs. For instance, after the disappear-  
ance of Frederick Valentich, an official  
phoned a family of witnesses while unknown  
to him, a VUFORS investigator was already in  
the home securing details. The principal  
witness, after giving all details, asked for  
the official's comment only to be informed  
that official information with regard to  
UFOs is only one way. In, not out. Just one  
more reason that VUFORS supports the organ-  
izations which are fighting through the  
Freedom of Information Act for the people's  
right to know.

..and from  
"The  
Australian"  
2 April 1977.

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## And did you hear the one about the UFO at Gosford...

MORE than 6000 people  
stood gaping at a silver  
spaceship yesterday as it  
burped and belched its  
way round Brisbane  
Waters, 80km north of  
Sydney.

And none of them twigged until  
later that it was all one big  
April Fool's Day joke.

When the local Gosford radio  
station, 2GO, reported on its  
am news that a flying saucer  
had landed nearby, residents  
left their beds in droves to  
race to the scene.

Police cordoned off the area, CF  
operators broadcast the new  
interstate, shire councillor  
made statements and the  
president of the local UFO  
organisation said he had seen  
it land.

The general manager of 2GO  
Mr Bob Scott, said: "We built  
the spaceship and last night  
sneaked it on to the water.  
Everyone fell for it. The police  
and emergency service began  
checking it out after a while  
but they played along."

"When we called it off at 9 am  
there were a few red faces.  
The only ones who didn't  
laugh were the people from  
the UFO Club."

"They said we'd set them back  
20 years and the president  
was furious for being made a  
fool."



# A UFO ABOVE COUNCIL PROJECT

- Thanks to Les Gaston, Orewa, N.Z.

('Sunday Mirror' Aug. 31st & 'Sunday Post' Aug. 31st (Scotland).

A UFO was seen by dozens of people - including on duty police officers as it hovered over Dumfries yesterday. The oblong shaped cluster of lights, which was just below cloud level, vanished seconds before the arrival of a C.I.D. photographer, who was called out by police.

Shortly after 1 am, Police H.Q. in Dumfries received numerous calls about a UFO hovering over 'Lochside' - the town's largest municipal housing estate.

Several police officers were sent to investigate. P.C. James Smith said "I have never believed in UFO's up to now but there seemed no explanation for this cluster of lights". He added that the lights were stationary for about twenty minutes, then suddenly vanished over the hills to the west. Sgt. Bill McDavid was travelling in a patrol car. "It was below the clouds, much more vivid and clear than an aircraft" he said. "There were three lights, then a blank, and then another two, all in line". He and P.C. Henry watched as the object appeared to move above the wooded hills near the village of Terregles. Sgt. McDavid added "It seemed to be divided into five or six compartments, like an illuminated airship. There was no sound".

The first reports, however, came from residents of flats in Dunlop Road. Two sisters, Mary and Vicky Blyth, said, "They just seemed to appear from nowhere. The lights were red and yellow - all colors. At one point they were going round and round.

The UFO was also seen from the opposite side of town by some staff members of the Dumfries Infirmary. Graham Brockie, who was walking home at the time, said, "There seemed to be about four or five lights in the cluster. It was an incredible sight. I've never seen anything like it before". The R.A.F. at Prestwick could offer no explanation for the sighting.

(From Xenolog No. 124, C/o Bryan Dickeson, 33 Dee St. Timaru, N.Z.)

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## "UFO's SPYING ON US"...ACCORDING TO SECRET REPORT BY RUSSIAN

SCIENTISTS...(From "The Star", Credit-Tom Lind, Hobe Sound, Florida, USA. 15th July, 1980.

A prominent Soviet scientist believes that intelligent beings from outer space are spying on Earth, and some of America's top space scientists agree with him, according to a leading nuclear physicist and UFO expert.

A revealing Soviet report of a top level UFO study, has found its way into the possession of Stanton T. Friedman, a man who worked on the U.S. nuclear and space development programs for 14 years.

The report, a copy of which is in the files of The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) had been kept secret until the leak to Friedman.



Radio astronomer L.M. Gindilis made the report for the Soviet Academy of Sciences. It says: "By all the preliminary indications, spacecraft entering our system from universes beyond, are controlled either directly or indirectly by intelligent beings of some sort". The report is part of an ongoing Russian program called SETI - Search For Extraterrestrial Intelligence - and is the first revelation that Russia's scientific elite are convinced that UFO's hold the answer to the search for life in the cosmos.

Friedman says that Gindilis is one of the most respected and highly honoured men in his field in the USSR and is secretary of the branch of the Academy of Sciences' Scientific Council on Radio Astronomy, which is responsible for picking up space signals of unknown origin.

The report examines closely 250 verified sightings made in the last 20 years within the Soviet Union, and according to Friedman, "is incredibly rich in statistics. Every sighting has been reduced to a basic formula and fed into a computer".

Gindilis reveals that he and his colleagues have been endeavouring to establish radio contact with alien civilizations for the past two decades, with "very substantial" results in observing "peculiar features" in the radio waves. Gindilis says that Soviet Scientists are ready to face the possibility that extraterrestrials are communicating by methods that are unknown in modern physics. "Other means of communication could in fact exist, that are founded on other natural phenomena that are presently unknown to us" he concedes. He adds: "I have no doubt that the so-called UFO's are real. True, a large share of the reports of sightings that are often termed UFO's can be explained by atmospheric phenomena. However, the fact is that a significant percentage, say 20 to 25, of the sightings cannot be explained."

Many NASA scientists, said Friedman, shared the Russian belief that our planet was being visited by intelligently controlled alien craft. "If we can learn to duplicate the aliens advanced techniques for communicating and powering spacecraft, we'll be making a quantum jump forward in our technology" Friedman said. "My guess is that there is no official American project to ferret out the secret of UFO's. That's because putting such work on paper would make it susceptible to disclosure in our newspapers. The Freedom of Information Act has made it impossible to conceal any organised work, so the government's scientific community is taking shelter in a loosely organised effort" he said.

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